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Main Street Monthly

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Discover Plymouth joins Indiana Main Street Program



On March 9th, [Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch](#) and OCRA welcomed Discover Plymouth as the newest member of the [Indiana Main Street](#) Program.

“My hearty congratulations to Discover Plymouth in becoming an active member of the Indiana Main Street Program,” said Lt. Governor Crouch. “A lot of time and hard work has been contributed by local community members, coming together to re-energize development activities in Plymouth, and we look forward to coming along side to ensure its economic vitality and relevancy for years to come.”

Discover Plymouth is a non-profit organization comprised of local business leaders and community members that collaborates with other local organizations to revitalize downtown Plymouth. Discover Plymouth was formed after a growing desire among the public to expand and improve the downtown was realized.

Dates to Know

[CDBG Round 1](#) Apps
Due
April 7

Stellar Communities
Designation Program
[LOIs](#) DUE
April 28

[National Main Street
Conference](#) (Pittsburgh)
May 1-3

[Creative Placemaking
Leadership Summit](#)
(Newark)
May 5

Meet Christmas Hudgens



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"I'm incredibly excited about the progress this collaborative group of community stakeholders is making in our city. Discover Plymouth is a citizen-driven organization working to make Plymouth a destination through economic vitality for our small businesses and a place families will continue to enjoy spending time creating memories." said Josh Walker, President of Discover Plymouth. "The support and guidance from OCRA is an invaluable asset to that mission, and we look forward to continuing to build on that relationship for years to come."

For more information on Discover Plymouth, visit facebook.com/discoverplymouthin.

Main Street Community Spotlight - Nashville

MISSION: Nashville Main Street is building the framework to emphasize the community's rich arts and cultural heritage while enhancing the historical character for long term growth and health of our Brown County.



The small group of Nashville Main Street volunteers has accomplished many projects and is always looking for another way to improve our quality of place. The initial project was the installation of our historic town clock in 2003 followed by the unveiling of an inviting, historic, high quality streetscape in 2006 funded by a \$450,000 CFF grant. In 2009, the Town of Nashville was awarded a \$500,000 DR2 grant for drainage, sidewalks and streetlight improvements with the completion of this project in 2010.

Most recently our focus has been centered upon spearheading "Christmas in Brown County." We have partnered with the Brown County Historical Society, Pioneer Women of Brown County, Brown County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Brown County Art Guild, Brown County Commissioners, Brown County Rotary Club, Peaceful Valley Heritage, Inc., Brown County Community

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Foundation and the Town of Nashville to create an annual tree lighting ceremony.

We have started a tradition of having wooden nickels printed and made into collector's ornaments beginning with our first edition of, "Christmas in Brown County Tree Lighting Ceremony 2015."

We, along with the Brown County History Center, have planted a new community Christmas tree that will grow along with the commemorative wooden nickel collection. Main Street Christmas in Brown County volunteers have worked many hours year round creating handmade ornaments, bows, corn husk dolls, and wreaths to decorate the village for the Christmas season. These volunteers also donate their time and energy to decorate the numerous signs, posts, trees, and lawns for the whole community to enjoy. The volunteers are already working on new decorations for the "Christmas in Brown County 2017."

Join us for our annual Christmas in Brown County Tree Lighting on November 24, 2017!

2017 Main Street America Designation



JOIN or RENEW your membership with the National Main Street Center by visiting www.mainstreet.org or calling 312-610-5611.

In Case You Missed It!

Indiana Landmarks

Preservation Conference April 25-28

Preserving Historic Places, Indiana's Statewide Preservation Conference, offers inspiring lectures, educational sessions and workshops, entertaining tours, and networking opportunities. Indiana Landmarks, Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, & Indiana University join in sponsoring the annual conference, hosted by Wabash in 2017.

<https://www.indianalandmarks.org/tours-events/preserving-historic-places-conference/>



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Main Street America's Annual Conference is May 1-3 in Pittsburgh

Join your fellow commercial district revitalization professionals May 1-3 for three exciting days of education sessions, mobile workshops, special events, and plenty of opportunities for exploring all the great things Pittsburgh and the surrounding area

has to offer.

Explore how Main Streets can position themselves at the forefront of the new economy, dive into the critical intersection of health and place, discover how commercial districts can be drivers of equity and inclusion, and so much more.

<http://www.mainstreet.org/main-street/training/conference/2017---pittsburgh/main-street-now-2017.html>

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Has your Main Street Community recently finished a project, held an exciting event, or you are just proud of your organization? Tell us about it!

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